QUEBEC, 2d MARCH, 1811.

SIRS,

DURING the Winter Months this Market seldom offers any brisk demand for Imported Goods; the chief Sales, more particularly in West India Produce, being effected, before the close of the communication by water with the interior: Sales, however, this Season, have been and continue unusually dull.

Since our last advices no material change has taken place, our quotations in consequence do not much vary from the prices then stated; but, so little is doing, that the present may be considered merely nominal.

We have already noticed that the quantity of RUMS imported last Season, exceeded that of any year antecedent; better prices, also, have in general been obtained, than under such heavy supplies could reasonably have been expected—and the consumption such, that the stocks now remaining in first hands in *Quebec*, do not together amount to one hundred Puncheons; yet, the quantity on sale, appears fully to meet the present demand.—The failure of our Wheat Crop, and the scarcity of Cash, incline us to think that the Sales of Rum in this Country during the ensuing Season, will not equal that of the past year, as to quantity, and we fear prices may prove less favorable; this opinion we ground upon former experience.

No demand at present for MUSC'o SUGARS, or for COFFEE; Sales of the latter are always very limited, except when at low prices.

Of MADEIRA and all other WINES (Spanish Red excepted) the Import of last Season fell short of that for 1809, yet the demand has been very inconsiderable, and a great proportion of what was received remains still in the Market: a parcel of about 20 pipes Madeira, of good quality, was lately sold by Auction at the miserable rate of £40 to £50 Currency per Pipe, and of these 3 or 4 Casks only exceeded £45.

We regret not to have any thing more favorable to add on the subject of WHEAT and FLOUR, than communicated by our former advices—nor can we yet presume to say to what extent our supplies may prove from *Upper Canada*, where they had fortunately an abundant harvest; or, whether through their means we may be enabled to spare any Flour for exportation: we in consequence consider it to be our duty to state to our Correspondents, the opinion we hold, that it would prove very hazardous to trust to *Quebec* for their supplies either of *Wheat*, *Flour* or *Biscuit*, for the ensuing Season.

Of SALTED PROVISIONS we shall have great plenty

Dry and *Pickled* FISH are generally to be procured here, but when Shipments are desired of these Articles, it would be advantageous to the interested that orders should be given for the purchase six or eight weeks before the intended time of Shipment, which from our local situation, becomes necessary, fully to meet the views of our *West India* friends, by allowing time to procure from the Out Posts what could not readily be had in *Quebec*.

There is very little at present doing in the POT ASH Market; a few lots occasionally are taken off at our quotations: there are now about 5,500 Barrels in the Inspection Stores at *Montreal*.

Contracts have been made for OAK and PINE TIMBER, to be delivered at *Quebec* in July and August next, the former at 1s. 6d. a 1s. 8d. per Cubic Foot, the latter at 6d. for White, and 1s. a 1s. 1d. per cubic foot for Red—but we have not heard of any agreement being entered into for STAVES.—On Lumber Contracts heavy advances are always required, of course much risk and frequent loss attend them.

We take the liberty to remark that all Letters intended for *Canada*, and forwarded through the *United States*, (those only excepted which come in the regular Mails by the Packets) must be put under cover to some Correspondent there, as the inland postage to the frontiers must be paid, otherwise such Letters would not be sent on.

We pray your reference to the annexed *Prices Current* and *List of Duties*, also to the subjoined Statement of the Imports and Exports for the years 1808, 9 and 10, by the River *St. Lawrence*, the former are confined to such Goods only as pay Duty, no account being taken at the Custom House of those entered free.—We give also a list of the chief Imports to this Province from the *U. S.* by the inland communication *via St. Johns*, for the same years.

We beg leave to renew our tender of best services to you and your friends, as well in behalf of our Establishment at *Montreal*, under the firm of IRVINE, LESLIE & Co. as of

SIRS,

Your most obedient, and

Very humble Servants,

IRVINE, MACNAUGHT & Co.

PRICES CURRENT.—EXPORTS.

		from	to
ASHES...1st Pot,	at Montreal, per Cwt.	30s.	
1st Pearls,	– –		32s.
GRAIN...viz.			
Wheat,	*scarce* per Bus.	10s. 6d.	11s.
Barley,	*none.*		
Pease,		5s.	7s. 6d.
Indian Corn,	*none.*		
Oats,		3s. 6d.	4s.
FLOUR...Superfine, p Bbl.	None at present for sale.		
Fine, do.			
Common, do.			
BISCUIT...Newfoundland, per Cwt.	none.		
Navy, do.			
Fine Water Biscuit, do.		70s.	
PORK—Prime,	per Bbl.	95s.	100s.
BEEF—Prime,	do.	65s.	70s.
BUTTER,	per lb.	1s. a 1s. 1d.	
HOGSLARD,	do.	1s. 3d.	
FISH—Dry and Pickled, none at Market.			
SOAP—Yellow,	per lb.	7½d.	
CANDLES—Mould,	do.	1s. 3d.	
Dipped,	do.	1s. 2d.	
Essence of Spruce,	do.	1s. 1d.	
Ditto,	per Box, containing 12 Pots.	17s. 6d.	

LUMBER—	from	to
W. Oak Timber, *none at present for sale.*		
W. Pine, do. — — — — — —	7d.	9d.
R. do. do. *none at present for sale.*		
Pine Plank, 2 a 3 inches — — — — per ft.	4d.	6d.
Pine Boards, 10 feet long — — per 100 Boards	80s.	85s.
Pipe Staves, *none selling*, per M.		

Note.—The *Standard Pipe Stave, as fixed by Law*, is 5½ feet long.
5 inches broad, and
1½ inches thick, at the thinest part.
On all thicker Pipe Staves 1-5 of the Price of the Standard is allowed for every ⅛ inch of greater thickness.
Pipe Staves of 1 inch thick, are reckoned at one half price of Standard.

The *Hogshead Stave*, is 4½ feet long.
4½ inches broad and valued at 2-3ds. the price of Pipe of corresponding thickness.
The price fixed by Law for the 4½ ft. Stave, being thought by the Traders to be underrated, few or none of this description are prepared except by special Contract and then at same price or nearly so of the Standard.

The *Puncheon Stave*,
3½ feet long.
4 inches broad—valued at half the price of corresponding thickness—and Puncheon Heading 2½ feet long, 5½ inches broad, same price.

Puncheon Staves, 3½ feet long, dressed for the West India Market, - - - - - -	£12 p. M.	
Puncheon Packs, for do. *new* - - - -	18s.	
Pipe Packs, *made up for the Madeira Market* -	25s.	
Half and Quarter do. - - - - -	12s. 6d.	6s. 6d.
Ash Hoops, 12 feet long, per 1000 - - -	110s.	
14 feet long - - - - -	120s.	

EXCHANGE.

£100 Sterling, at par equal to £111 1-9 Currency.

Current rate—Government Bills at 30 days sight, 5 per Cent discount.

Merchants do. at 60 days sight on London, 7 to 7½ per Cent discount—When Bills are forced upon the Market, Cash, from the present scarcity, cannot be had except at much greater discount than these quotations.

QUEBEC, 2d March, 1811.

PRICES CURRENT—IMPORTS.

		from	to
RUMS,	O. P. Jamaica, per Gall.	6s. 6d.	7s. 6d.
	W. I. do.	5s. 9d.	6s. 6d.
Foreign BRANDIES none at Market—per Gall.		— —	— —
GENEVA,		12s. 6d.	15s.
MELASSES, none:			
COFFEE,	per lb.	1s. 3d.	
PIMENTO,	*in very little demand*, do.	1s. 6d.	
MUSCOVADO Sugars	per. cwt.	70s.	72s. 6d
REFINED, lb.	per lb.	1cd.	1s. 3d.
WINES, Madeira*	per pipe	£55.	£70.
Teneriffe,	do.	£30.	£45.
Fayal, none at Market.		— —	— —
PORT,	per pipe	£50.	£70.
SPANISH,	*red Wine*,	—	£25.
SALT, Lisbon,	per minot	2s. 9d.	3s.
Liverpool, fine,		2s. 6d.	
TOBACCO, none at Market.		— —	— —
TEAS, Hyson,	per lb.	7s. 6d.	10s.
Singlo and Hyson Skin,		3s. 9d.	4s.
Souchong,		4s. 6d.	5s.

REMARKS AND DUTIES.

	Sterl.	Cy.
Rum from any part of the United-Kingdom, - - per gall.		6d.
Do. from the British West India Islands - - - - - -	6d. &	6d.
Note. The 6d. sterlg. on the latter, may be saved by the return Cargo.		
See, Act 28, Geo. III. Ch. 39.		
Do. from any other of H. M. North Am. Colonies - - -	9d. &	6d.
On British and Irish Spirits, imported direct - - - -	9d. &	9d.
... ...	1s. &	6d.
... ...	1s. &	6d.
Melasses, from British Plantations, and imported in vessels owned by persons residing in the United Kingdom or *this* Province - - - - - - - - - - - -	4d. &	5d.
Imported from the United Kingdom in vessels owned as aforesaid, - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	9d. &	5d.
The same article imported from the British Plantations in vessels belonging to any other of His Majesty's Subjects than aforesaid - - - - - - - - - -	7d. &	5d.
Or, from the United Kingdom - - - - - - - - -	6d. &	5d.
Coffee, from British Plantations - - - - - - per Cwt.	7s. &	per lb. 2d.
Do. imported in British vessels from foreign Plantations, - - - - - - - - - - per Cwt.	59s. 9d. &	per lb. 2d.
... ... per lb.		½.
... ... do.		½.
... ... do.		1d.
—imported direct from Madeira - - - - - - - per Ton	£7 &	per gal. 9d.
... do. ... ... do.	£7 &	per gal. 6d.
... do. ... ... do.	£7 &	per gal. 6d.
do. from Great Britain or Ireland, - - - - - per Ton	10s. &	per gal. 6d.
* N. B. Madeira, Teneriffe and Fayal Wines when imported from Great Britain or Ireland pay only Ten Sterling per Ton & the Provincial duties as above are respectively stated.		
No demand - - - - - - - - - - - - per Minot		4d.
Several parcels have lately been offered by public sale, but no purchasers - - - - - - - - - do.		4d.
Tobacco imported from the United Kingdom, - - - per lb.		2d.
And from any of the Colonies - - - - - - - per lb.	1d. &	2d.
Manufactured Tobacco *except Snuff* pays - - - - - - -		3d.
And Snuff, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4d.
... ...		6d.
... ...		4d.

Note.—The Duties above stated in *Sterling* money, are levied under Acts of the *Imperial Parliament*; those in *Currency*, under Acts of the *Provincial Legislature*.

Goods sold by Auction pay a Duty of 2½ per cent on the gross proceeds (*Goods damaged*, and sold for the benefit of the owners or Insurers, and the effects of Insolvent Debtors excepted.)

On all articles paying Duty by *Weight* or *measure*, under the *Provincial* Acts, an allowance of 3 per Cent is made to the Importer for waste and leakage—but no deduction from those paying Duty under the Acts of the Imperial Parliament.

GENERAL STATEMENT of EXPORTS from the PORT of QUEBEC during the years 1808, 1809 and 1810.

	Wheat Bushels	cribbling Bushels.	Flour Bbls.	Biscuit Cwt.	Ind. Corn Bushels	Barley Bush.	Flax Seed Bushels	Pease Bush.	Oats Bush.	Oak Tim. Pieces	Pine Timber Pieces.	Walnut, Maple, &c. Pieces.	Staves & Heading Pieces.	stave ends Pieces.	Oak & Pine Board & Plks. Pieces	Birch Boards Pieces.	Cedar Pieces.	Hand-spikes No.	Oars No.
1808	186708	150	42462	32587	3467	5994	13830	52934	2569	12372	14500	188	1824861	62453	1940760	30	7	4144	6723
1809	198221	248	19476	32917	513	3478	28090	54947	7540	10143	23699	257	3032518	27461	2642280	0	0	1683	8124
1810	170860	40	12319	16467	98	16	3584	18928	866	33798	39927	137	3[illegible]7907	47515	312129	0	0	1363	30301

	Masts No.	Bowsprits No.	Spars No.	Hoops No.	Shingles No.	Lath-wood Pieces.	Scantling Pieces.	Minerals Packs No.	Pun. & Hhd. Packs. No.	PORK. Tierces	PORK. Barrels	Beef Barrels.	POUNDS BEEF AND TONGUES. Casks	Hhds.	Bbls.	Kegs.	HAMS. Casks	HAMS. Pieces.	Butter Bbls. Firkins & Kegs
1808	3994	379	1612	215500	60500	136915	2426	2026	1460	179	1732	1509	7	1	82	39	14	102	2060
1809	3064	269	2570	134850	39000	152487	227	2529	122	157	2626	1786	0	0	7	193	29	500	2294
1810	6977	678	3354	130516	8000	167389	100	7624	228	4	4628	2978	8	2	144	133	30	0	422

	Hog's LARD. Barrels	Hog's LARD. Kegs.	Tallow Casks.	Oil Gallons	Soap Boxes.	candles Boxes.	Codfish Cwt.	PICKLED FISH. Salmon. Tierces	PICKLED FISH. Salmon. Bbls.	PICKLED FISH. Herrings, Alewives Shad, &c. Barrels.	Pigs Cheeks Firks. Kegs.	Tripe Casks.	Sausages Barrels.	Hops Pockets.	Malt Bushels	Hemp-seed Bushels	Clover-seed Bbls.	Hemp T. Cwt.	Pot & Pearl Ashes Casks.
1808	53	593	1	9260	1142	886	2919	794	61	1026	0	0	0	5	2963	0	0	2[illegible]	0838
1809	28	114	0	1784	1140	630	4006	494	14kg 74	992	0	44	31	16	0	83	16	2[illegible]3	0942
1810	94	53	0	2240	1070	1181	0	966	97	503	2[illegible] 6h.	62	26	96	0	0	31	0	29407

	Horses. No.	Cows. No.	Sheep. No.	Essence of Spruce Casks.	Essence of Spruce Cases.	Capillaire. Bales.	Capillaire. Casks.	Wool Bales.	Cotton Wool. Bales.	Cotton Wool. Weight.	Ale & Porter. Hhds.	Ale & Porter. Casks.	Apples Bbls.	Onions. Bbls.	Canada Stoves No.	Ox Horns No.	Oil of Pep-permint Cases	Canada Balsam Casks	Bees Wax Bbls.
1808	60	16	213	80	70	0	26	8	0	0	42	34	396	85	127	6485	0	0	0
1809	23	8	25	77	9	1	30	1	406	120866lbs	28	12	239	242	158	7594	0	2	0
1810	8	0	0	137	10	44	0	0	30	8181	49	17	5	87	195	0	1	6	6

FURS, SKINS, &c.

	Beaver.	Martin.	Otters.	Mink.	Fisher.	Fox.	Bear and Cub.	Deer.	Raccoon.	Cased and open Cat.	Elk.	Wolf.	Wolvereens.	Musquash.	Seal.	Buffaloe Robe.	Badger	Lynx.	Hare.
1808	126927	9530	7250	9108	3866	1038	1298	103875	123307	5718	662	18	39	6513	10	1	0	0	0
1809	105082	382	5562	2010	3048	103	561	83949	51798	5391	860	0	455	16996	91	0	167	0	0
1810	98523	534	2645	169	2536	1	10751	82551	39524	2428	534	19	317	9971	59	0	0	327	2654

	Feathers 12 lbs.	Swans.	Castoreum lbs.
1808	0	0	74
1809	0	262	120
1810	3	1[illegible]3	265

STATEMENT of GOODS IMPORTED to QUEBEC by the RIVER ST. LAWRENCE in the Years 1808, 1809 and 1810.

WINES.

	Year	Butts	Pipes	Hhds.	Qr. Cks.
Madeira	1808	15	202	36	19
	1809	5	205	86	91
	1810	8	149	37	57
Port	1808	0	59	8	cases 27
	1809	0	307	14	97
	1810	0	232	2	137
Teneriffe	1808	0	122	60	Q. cks. 0
	1809	0	567	292	50
	1810	0	412	178	0
Span. Red	1808	0	24	21	29
	1809	1	309	167	54
	1810	74	1426	332	0
French	1808	0	0	66	cases 37
	1809	0	0	40	26
	1810	0	0	10	6

RUMS.

Year	Pns.	Hhds.
1808	1904	166
1809	5286	185
1810	6976	188

BRANDY

Year	Pipes.	Hhds
1808	276	37
1809	114	9
1810	226	0

GENEVA

Year	Pipes.
1808	25
1809	129
1810	25

MELASSES.

Year	Cks.
1808	307
1809	834
1810	495

SALT.

Year	Minots
1808	11797
1809	18958
1810	81621

SUGARS.

Year	Refin. Hhds.	Refin. Hhds.	Refin. Tierces	Muscovado. Boxs. & Bbls
1808	366	1016	114	858
1809	266	984	148	644
1810	290	928	190	1738

TOBACCO.

Year	Leaf. Hhds.	Leaf. Kgs.	Manf. lbs.	Segars. Boxes.
1808	1	0	9000	106
1809	44	30	25950	25
1810	1	0	384	0

COFFEE.

Year	Tierce	Bbls.	Bags.
1808	46	179	489
1809	57	247	64
1810	14	83	11

Playing Cards.

Year	Packs.
1808	7248
1809	13176
1810	14544

TEAS.

Year	Hyson.	Souchong.	Bohea.
1808	1242 lbs.	2918 lbs.	
1809	1361 Chests quality not described in Custom House List.		
1810	1685 lbs.	8328	710 lbs

Exclusive of the foregoing, the following is a Statement of Goods, also *subject to Duty*, imported from the *United States* by the *inland* communication *via* the Port of Saint John's, during the three years aforesaid.—viz,

Year	Hyson lbs.	Hyson Skin lbs.	Single lbs.	Souchong lbs.	Bohea lbs.	Foreign Brandy Galls.	Geneva Galls.	Rum Galls.	Liqueurs Galls.	Wines. Mad. &c. Galls.	Wines. Spanish Galls.	Coffee lbs.	Pimento. lbs.
1808	199554¼	36115	23048	7276	856	1386	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
1809	4913	197643	7993	4552	708	2229	832	0	0	0	768	2696	1828
1810	18482	107114	18370	6477	2940	3615	1349	929	54	988	0	537	1869

Years.	Indigo. lbs.	Tobacco. Leaf. lbs.	Tobacco. Manfd. lbs.	Tobacco. Snuff. lbs.	Sugars. Musco. lbs.	Sugars. Loaf. lbs.
1808	1547	54139	15651	54	596	111
1809	6616	119811	82001	68	19[illegible]	49[illegible]
1810	1456	21[illegible]885	12579	18681	33679	21654

STATEMENT OF GOODS *Imported* by said PORT OF ST. JOHNS FREE OF DUTY.

Year.	Bbls. Pork.	Bbls. Beef.	lbs. Bacon.	lbs. Butter.	Head Oxen.	Numb. Horses.	Cwt. Fresh Pork.	lbs. Hogs Lard.	lbs. Sper. Cands.	lbs. Cheese.	lbs. Fresh Cod Fish.	lbs. Honey.	lbs. Chocolate.	lbs. Tallow
1808	2595	5	924	44576	224	9	1502½	14919	[illegible]	59464	10243	301	1913	0
1809	5470	721	2650	86860	1022	10	3323½	36175	1250	96240	36410	2130	5650	9600
1810	5517	1509	14440	185091	1457	18	1931½	31046	10075	17[illegible]23	26350	27129	12736	36449

Years.	Manufactured and Unwrought Leather. Sole leather. lbs.	Men's Shoes doz Pr.	Woms. Shoes doz Pr.	Boots doz Pr.	Dress'd Calf Skins.	Dress'd Sheep Skins.	Saddles	Bridles.	Bbls. Ashes Pot	Bbls. Ashes Pearls	lbs. Hops	Hat Bodies	Reams w. Paper	lbs. Flax
1808	91700	288½	407½	19½	40 doz.	5 doz.	180	10	8574	467	28300	8580	100	918
1809	114768	2304½	404½	37	6		289	11	7730	1163	21750	4730	0	150
1810	112285	2192		165	11	6 doz.	409		7471	873	6950	4996	0	1650

Years.	Bbls. Tar.	Bbls. Rosin.	lbs. Bees Wax.	lbs. Pep. & Cloves.	lbs. Cotton Wool.	Pieces Nankeens.	Cwt. Iron.	lbs. Tallow Candles	Cwt. Soap.	Loads Square Oak	Loads Square Pine.	M. Staves.	No. Spars.	No. Masts.	Feet Plk. & Boards	Bbls. Spirits Turp.	Tons Log Wood.	Feet Mahoganv.	Bbls. Cyder.	lbs. Ginger.
1808	112	51	168	1094	300	40	15	0	0	1971	10410	58	2086	0	828M	70	1	2210	0	0
1809	253	301	400	50	87782	4300	134	0	0	700	5844	186	408	20	672M	0	0	0	18	0
1810	445 & 212 of Pitch.	391	1832	20263	1240	8182	247	90125	902	22640	39516	567	8695	138	4055M	17	0	1550	1216	2866

Valuation of Merchandize *Imported* by St. Johns *not included* in this Statement.

In 1808	£20,100	6	6	Currency.
In 1809	38,054	9	9	do.
In 1810	62,200	0	2	do.

EXPORTS via ST. JOHNS.

Year	Salt Bush.	Fish Pickled Bbls.	Fish Pickled Tierc.	Fish Dry Cwt.	Steel lbs.	Rum Galls.	P Wine Galls.	Sugars Musc. lbs.	Sugars Loaf lbs.	Iron T Cwt.	Paints White lbs.	Paints Red lbs.	Salt Petre. lbs.	Gun Powdr. lbs.	Cider Bbls.	Men's Hats Doz	Tea lbs.	Pork Bbls.	Mnufd. Tobac. lbs.	Pairs Shoes. Doz.	Pairs Boots	Undressed Ox Hides. No.	Undressed Calf Skins No.	Soap lbs.
1808	19373	964	3	108	0	308	93	1852	600	4	500	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	111	34	60
1809	24351	1924	0	168	0	510	0	2150	60	3	0	2800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1810	20421	1379	0	136	9091	636	106	0	68	6 1	300	0	56	1590	142	0	385	179	1056	11	20pr	0	0	0

Valuation of Merchandize exported via St. John's, *not included* in the annexed Statement.

In 1808	£4,272	7	0	Currency.
In 1809	22,854	3	9	do.
In 1810	27,076	19	11	do.

FURS and SKINS *via ditto Exported.*

Year	Musk Rat No.	Martins No.	Mink No.	Bear No.	Raccoon No.	Fox No.	Deer No.	Beaver No.	Beaver Coating lbs.	Fisher No.	Buffalo. No.	Rabbit. No.	Otter. No.	Cased Cat No.	Wolves. No.	Castoreum. lbs.
1808	203672	42953	645	767	10691	400	240	21464	0	50	24	1008	8000	0	0	0
1809	225381	20271	0	4544	3850	638	15	12676	5101	0	37	4000	6864	1100	0	1418
1810	179566	72686	6000	2497	25921	2244	27	26405	0	0	62	3321	10530	2500	3295	160

ARRIVALS at and DEPARTURES from QUEBEC.

Years.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	No. of Men.
1808	334	70275	3330
1809	434	87825	4174
1810	661	143893	6378

Of which were built in the Province in the respective Years.

	No. Vessels.	Tonnage
1808	13	3638
1809	14	3193
1810	26	5836

And at present building, 44 about 20000

Quebec, 2d March, 1811.

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